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VIOLETS, daintily robed in blue,

Tipped with a jewel of the dew,

With face as the gentle morning fair,

And breath of fragrance wondrous rare,

To keep sweet tryst with me to-day.

Have stolen from their nook away.

DOWN in a mossy covered dell,

Sweet and shy, my violets dwell,

But the blue-bird knows their coy retreat

And comes with earliest song to greet:

And the fervor of the matin lay

Thrills his music all the day.

THE sunbeams straying one by one,

Ere yet the day's work is begun,

Softly part the mossy screen

Which drapes the downy bed of green,

With kisses warm each dreamer wakes,

And memory glad their journey makes.

BUT my violets have a greater bliss
Than the sunbeam's warm awakening kiss;
Than the blue-bird's thrilling notes above,
For they come to thee in tender love,
An emblem of fidelity,
To tell my ever loyalty.

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